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For: LONG LASTING AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF
PRESSURE-RESISTANT GAS-FILLED MICROVESICLES AND
METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

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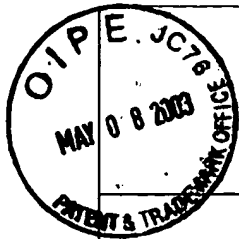
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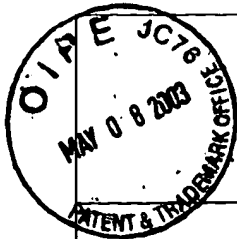
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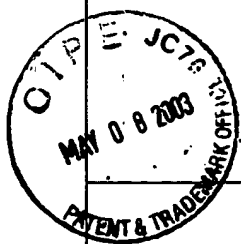
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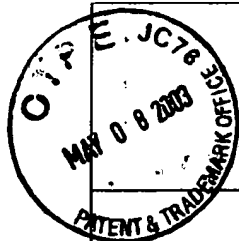
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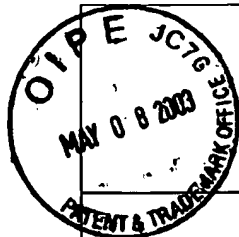
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